Management Committee

The mission of the Management Committee is to evaluate and promote long-term, landscape level planning approaches to support natural resource management on California's non-federal forest and rangelands.

COMPLETED OR SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETED IN 2014:

1. <u>Effectiveness Monitoring Committee (EMC)</u>

Objective: The Effectiveness Monitoring Committee acts as a technical advisory committee to, and receive oversight from, the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board) to develop and implement an effectiveness monitoring program that will provide an active feedback loop to policymakers, managers, agencies, and the public. The EMC provides input to the Board to ensure a scientific-based monitoring effort is used to comply with the reporting requirements of AB 1492 and evaluate the effectiveness of the California Forest Practice Rules and other forestry-related laws and regulations related to water quality, aquatic habitat, and wildlife habitats. Also, the EMC provides input to the Board to a formal adaptive management approach to policy development and analysis.

- 2. Working Forest Management Plan pursuant to Public Resources Code § 4597
- 3. Update of the Soquel Demonstration State Forest Management Plan

PRIORITY 1:

1. <u>Program Timberland Environmental Impact Report (PTEIR) for Carbon Sequestration and Fuel Reduction Program</u>

Objective: AB 862, chaptered by the Administration in 2014, directs the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to develop regulations, guidelines or publications to facilitate a grant program that allots funding for the development of PTEIRs that promote carbon sequestration and fuel hazard reduction on state or private lands. The grant program is to be administered by CAL FIRE.

2. Small Landowner Options for Harvesting

Objective: Find effective methods to facilitate small landowner harvest. Such approaches include 1) An NTMP approach for landowners of 320 acres or less that cannot utilize a regular NTMP and 2) Woodlots owners of less than 40 acres seeking minimal harvesting.

3. Boggs Demonstration State Forest Management Plan

Objective: Management Plan Update and CEQA coverage to be completed by 2015.

Status: Management Plan and Initial Study is currently being worked upon by CAL FIRE staff and will be submitted to the Management Committee for review during 2014.

PRIORITY 2:

4. Development of pilot programs for SERM/ Option v projects

Objective/Status: Department has formed a Technical Advisory Committee (VTAC to develop and provide advice on pilot programs to implement option (v) projects under the Anadromous Salmonid Protection Rules (ASP).

5. Maximum Sustained Production (MSP)14 CCR § 913.11(a) [933.11(a), 953.11(a)].

Objective: Board should consider forming a technical working group to consider changes to existing MSP rule to provide more concrete standards for the MSP demonstration per 14 CCR § 913.11(a) [933.11(a), 953.11(a)]. Consider implications for assuring AB 32 targets.

Status: Committee reviewed February of 2011 and found no further action necessary. The Department has resubmitted the issue in 2013, which may indicate that further investigation into this issue is necessary.

6. Research Plan (PRC 4789.6)

Objective: The board, assisted by the director, shall biennially determine state needs for forest management research and recommend the conduct of needed projects to the Governor and the Legislature.

PRIORITY 3:

7. Pacific Forest and Watershed Lands Stewardship Council

Objective: Board approved Department effort to acquire lands in the Stewardship Council planning units of "Pit River," "Battle Creek," "Cow Creek," "Burney Gardens," "Lake Spaulding," "Bear River," "North Fork Mokelumne River," and "Lyons Reservoir" that would be suitable for inclusion in the Department's Demonstration. Board must approve management plans for these acquisitions when final.

Status: Pending

8. <u>Jackson Demonstration State Forest:</u>

Objective: Continued review management at Jackson

Status: Board has continued to liaison with the Jackson Advisory Committee (JAG). Interim period has concluded, and recommendations received from JAG. Board adopted these recommendations with some modifications.

9. Non-Industrial Timber Management Plan (NTMP) Review:

Objective: Ongoing review of issues with the regulatory standards associated with the NTMP, including the Department Draft NTMP Growth and Yield Guidelines document posted on Department website—currently in use by Department plan review personnel.

10. Progeny Sites

These sites are usually planted over a long period of time 3-10 year period to get various age classes and seed sources. Some of the land may sit fallow for a number of years and not meet a 5 year stocking requirement. Exempt up to 40 acres from meeting the required stocking standard if the property owner designates that area for a progeny plantation.